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Letter dated 5 April 2017 from the President of the Security Council addressed to the Secretary-General

In my capacity as President of the Security Council, I am forwarding to you a letter dated 9 March 2017 from the Chair of the Working Group on Children and Armed Conflict established pursuant to Security Council resolution 1612 (2005), based on the Working Group's conclusions adopted on 14 February 2017 (S/AC.51/2017/1) (see annex).

(*Signed*) Nikki R. **Haley**
President of the Security Council

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Annex

At its 61st formal meeting, on 9 January 2017, the Working Group on Children and Armed Conflict examined the third report of the Secretary-General on children and armed conflict in Colombia (S/2016/837), covering the period from September 2011 to June 2016. At its 62nd formal meeting, on 14 February 2017, the Working Group adopted its conclusions on children and armed conflict in Colombia (S/AC.51/2017/1).

In follow-up to the recommendations of the Working Group and subject to and consistent with applicable international law and relevant Security Council resolutions, including resolutions 1612 (2005), 1882 (2009), 1998 (2011), 2068 (2012), 2143 (2014) and 2255 (2015), I am entrusted, in my capacity as Chair of the Working Group, to:

(a) Request you to ensure the continued effectiveness of the monitoring and reporting mechanism on children and armed conflict in Colombia, including for the full and expeditious implementation of the agreement between the Government and the Revolutionary Armed Forces of Colombia-People's Army (FARC-EP) for the separation and reintegration of children, signed on 15 May 2016;

(b) Request you to encourage the United Nations country task force on monitoring and reporting and other relevant United Nations entities to continue their engagement and efforts to support the Government in addressing violations and abuses committed against children affected by armed conflict, in particular with a view to engaging the National Liberation Army (ELN) to end and prevent the recruitment and use of children in violation of international law.

(*Signed*) Olof **Skoog**
Chair
Working Group on Children and Armed Conflict